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KINSHASA FOR CHARGE ACCRA/NAIROBI FOR RCO

E.O. 11652: GDS

AGS: MOPS, AO, CG, ACOM

SUBJECT: REPORT OF ANGOLANS ATTACK ON ZAIRE

REF: A) KINSHASA 1922, B) LUBUMBASHI 033

1. IN VIEW SERIOUSNESS SITUATION PRESENTED REFTELS, DEPT PROPOSES TO EXPEDITE ESTABLISHMENT PLANNED COMMUNICATIONS (ERTS) LINK BETWEEN KINSHASA AND LUBUMBASHI. ALSO PROPOSE TO PLACE SECURE ON-LINE EQUIPMENT (CAN DO) ON THIS LINK UNTIL SITUATION SETTLES OR IS CLARIFIED. THEREFORE, PROPOSE FOLLOWING:

A. TWO CAN DO PACKAGES, INCLUDING CRYPTOS, COMMON KINSHASA/LUBUMBASHI KW-7 KEYING MATERIAL, AND ONE RADIO
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OPERATOR, MR. RAUL HOLGIUN DEPART FOR KINSHASA FRIDAY, MARCH 11, ON PA-188;

B. TWO ERTS PACKAGES, PRESENTLY AT VENDOR, BE SHIPPED KINSHASA NEXT TUESDAY, MARCH 15, ON PA-190. THIS ERTS EQUIPMENT WOULD ESTABLISH THE RADIO-TELETYPE LINK BETWEEN ABOVE TWO POINTS AND PROVIDE CIRCUITRY FOR CAN DO

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SECURE ON-LINE EQUIPMENT. TWO RCO TECHNICIANS, RABIE AND ROHAL, PRESENTLY AT VENDORS TRAINING ON THE EQUIPMENT, WOULD ACCOMPANY IT TO KINSHASA AND MAKE INSTALLATION.

RABIE AT LUBUMBASHI, ROHAL AT KINSHASA.

2. REQUEST KINSHASA REVIEW ABOVE PROPOSAL AND ADVISE 1) APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF PROPOSAL; AND 2) IF ONWARD SHIPMENT TO LUBUMBASHI OF THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT CAN BE MADE. LUBUMBASHI EQUIPMENT WOULD INVOLVE CAN DO EQUIPMENT LIKE THAT USED ON RECENT SECRETARY VISIT, AND 8 BOXES OF ERTS EQUIPMENT, 750 LBS, 65 CU FT IN SIZE. POST SHOULD ADVISE SOONEST AND VIA NIACT IMMEDIATE SO THAT IF POST APPROVES, FRIDAY SCHEDULE CAN BE MET.

3. RCO ACCRA WOULD PROVIDE TWO CEO-C'S IN ADDITION TO RABIE FOR INSTALLATION CAN DO EQUIPMENT AT BOTH KINSHASA AND LUBUMBASHI. CEO-R'S RABIE AND ROHAL WILL INSTALL ERTS EQUIPMENT, RABIE AT LUBUMBASHI, ROHAL AT KINSHASA AND THEN ASSIST IN ERTS OPERATION AND TRAINING. RCO/ACCRA SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CEO-C'S BARANOWSKI AND HUTSON'S TRAVEL TO KINSHASA.

4. COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER HOLGUIN WILL ACCOMPANY LUBUMBASHI'S EQUIPMENT ON TO POST AND REMAIN TDY AT POST. ONE ADDITIONAL AREA RADIO COMMUNICATOR WILL BE SENT TDY TO LUBUMBASHI, SUBJECT SEPTEA. KINSHASA EQUIPMENT WILL BE OPERATED BY POST C&R PERSONNEL.

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5. DEPENDING UPON POST RESPONSE, ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS KNOWN. ASSUMING EQUIPMENT CAN BE PROMPTLY SHIPPED LUBUMBASHI, WE ESTIMATE MARCH 19, ACTIVATION OF LINK.

6. INCLUDE RCO/ACCRA ON ALL TELEGRAMS THIS SUBJECT.

7. FOR CHARGE - REQUEST YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE POLITICAL ADVISABILITY OF SENDING IN VERY VISIBLE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES EVEN AS FAR AS KINSHASA.
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